

## REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1,2,11,12,21 and 22 are rejected in the application. Claims 3-10, 13-20 and 23-30 are objected to. Claims 1-30 remain in the case for reconsideration. No new subject matter has been added.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1,2,11,12,21 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by McRoberts et al (US Patent 5, 663,961).

Claim 1 has been amended to specify identifying a time slot period for receiving the data according to a time slot size count value in the current entry in the receive memory. Claim 1 has also been amended to specify identifying a current receive channel register in the network processing device to write the received data according to a channel select value in the current entry in the receive memory. Claim 1 has further been amended to specify identifying a next time slot period and a next receive channel register according to the time slot size count value and the channel select value in the next entry in the receive memory.

McRoberts does not suggest a receive memory entry that includes both a time slot size count value and a channel select value.

Claims 11 and 21 have been amended to include the limitation of moving to another entry in the receive memory according to a detected synchronization pulse. As already acknowledge by the Examiner, this limitation is also not suggested in McRoberts.

The amendments to claims 1, 11, and 21 are all clearly shown and described with regards to FIG. 16.

### Objected Claims

All the claims 3-10, 13-20 and 23-30 that have been indicated as allowable have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their independent claims and any intervening claims.

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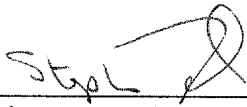
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For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-30 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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